

Department of Health
Notice of Rulemaking Hearing
Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists,
and Clinical Pastoral Therapists
Division of Health Related Boards

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists to consider the promulgation of an amendment to a rule pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-22-102, 63-22-203, and 63-22-205. The hearing will be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-5-204 and will take place in the Cumberland Room of the Cordell Hull Building located at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN at 3:30 p.m. (CST) on the 6th day of February, 2006.

Any individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (review these filings) should contact the Department of Health, Division of Health Related Boards to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation or review. Such initial contact may be made no less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (the date such party intends to review such filings), to allow time for the Division to determine how it may reasonably provide such aid or service. Initial contact may be made with the ADA Coordinator at the Division of Health Related Boards, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

For a copy of the entire text of this notice of rulemaking hearing contact:

Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, Division of Health Related Boards, 425 Fifth Avenue North, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, Nashville, TN 37247-1010, (615) 532-4397.

Substance of Proposed Rule

Amendment

Rule 0450-3-.08 Examinations, is amended by deleting the introductory sentence and paragraph (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language, so that as amended, the new introductory sentence and the new paragraph (1) shall read:

0450-3-.08 Examinations. In addition to having filed an application, individuals seeking licensure as a Clinical Pastoral Therapist are required to pass an examination consisting of written and oral sections.

(1) Written section

- (a) The written section of the examination shall be passed by all applicants, except certain persons who are licensed by professional experience.
- (b) The Board adopts the following examinations or their successor examinations as the written section of the examination:
 - 1. The Marital and Family Therapy Examination, published by the Professional Examination Service (PES), as developed by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards and with a passing score determined by PES.
 - 2. The National Counselor Examination and the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination given by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) and with a passing score determined by NBCC.
 - 3. The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) provided by PES and with a passing score as determined by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.
 - 4. The written examination adopted by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) and with a passing score as determined by ASWB.
- (c) Even though the Board adopts the above listed examinations as its written section, an applicant must successfully complete only one (1) of these examinations. The choice of which examination to successfully complete is entirely up to the applicant.
- (d) The testing agencies govern the examination dates.
- (e) A passing score on the written section will qualify the applicant for the oral section if the Board determines all other requirements pursuant to Rule 0450-3-.05 have been successfully completed.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-22-102, 63-22-203, and 63-22-205.

Contact who can answer questions concerning this notice of rulemaking hearing, technical contact for disk acquisition, and person who will approve final copy for publication: Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager, Division of Health Related Boards, First Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010 615-532-4397.

I certify that this is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the Tennessee Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists.

Robbie H. Bell, Director
Health Related Boards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 21st day of November, 2005.

Notary Public

My commission expires on the 25th day of March, 2006.

The notice of rulemaking set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the ____ day of _____, 2005.

Riley C. Darnell
Secretary of State

By: _____